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1. From January 1932 until March 1934 I served as Military Attaché of the Imperial Embassy at MOSCOW.

2. I certify that the document consisting of one page shown to me is a photostat of a copy which I transcribed from the original of Instructions Pertaining to the Essentials of Stratagem by Prince KOTORITO /TN: i.e. Prince KAN'IN/, Chief of the General Staff, dated 8 October 1932, which was addressed to K.S.I., Seijuro, Military Attaché in France.

These instructions were given me to read by Lt. Col. TSUCHIHASHI /TN: possibly DOB.S.I/ in 1932 when he went from TOKYO to PARIS by way of MOSCOW.

Lt. Col. TSUCHIHASHI gave them to me in accordance with written instructions from MAZAKI, Jinzaburo, Vice-Chief of the General Staff.

3. The document consisting of four pages shown to me is a photostat of a copy of the original of The Essentials of Stratagem. This Essentials of Stratagem was appended to the Instructions by Prince KOTORITO, Chief of the General Staff, dated 8 October 1932 and appearing in Item No. 2.

The copy was made in MOSCOW by YAMADA who was my assistant.

My signature, which I wrote in 1932, appears on the first page of the copy.

4. The document consisting of one sheet shown to me is a photostat of the original of Instructions Pertaining to Stratagem, dated 5 October 1932, which I received from MAZAKI, Jinzaburo, Vice-Chief of the General Staff.

The original of Document No. 406 was delivered to me at MOSCOW in 1932 by Lt. Col. TSUCHIHASHI.

5. The document consisting of eight sheets shown to me is a photostat of the original draft of the locally applicable orders which were to be given to the military attachés of the embassies in various countries, and which were based upon the Essentials of Strategy.

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I was directly connected with the composition of that document.

Corrections in my own handwriting appear on the first, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh sheets, and the rest is in the handwriting of YAMADA. who was my assistant.

6. The document consisting of four sheets is a photostat of the Revised Opinion of the Essentials of Stratagem.

This document was written by YAMADA who was my assistant. My signature, which I wrote in 1938, appears on the first sheet, and my corrections which I wrote in the same year appear on the second sheet.

I have signed the reverse side of each photostat of the documents shown to me, and which I mentioned in Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Affidavit.

/signed/ KAWABE, Torashiro